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Claims

- 5 1 A method for diagnosis of pre-eclampsia which comprises measuring urate in a biological sample.
 - 2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sample is from maternal saliva.
- 3. A method as claimed in the above claims, wherein the urate is measured by means of a timed end point method.
 - 4. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the urate is measured by means of a dry test method.
 - 5. A method as claimed in any of the above claims, wherein the urate is measured by means of a dip stick method.
 - 6. The use of urate levels in the saliva as an indicator of pre-eclampsia.
 - 7. A diagnostic kit for performing the method of any one of the above claims, wherein the kit comprises reagents for the determination of the level of urate in a biological sample.
- 25 8. A test equipment for performing the method in claims 1 and 2 of, wherein the test equipment comprises reagents for the determination of the level of urate in a biological sample.